

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 12, with the following amended paragraph:

Especially, in a ladies' dress shop where fashion is the main concept of business, it may be difficult to use the hangers according to the above conventional techniques without hesitation.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention has been made in consideration of the problems of the above described conventional techniques, and has its object to provide a clothes holding device which is ~~easily manufactured (assembled or formed), and which leads to high productivity, further, which is compact, light weighted, and convenient for packaging and conveyance, and further, which has parts easily classified upon recycling~~ improves the beauty of the interior of space to hold clothes without spoiling fashionable touches of the clothes.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 24 through line 27.

~~Further, the present invention has another object to provide a clothes holding device which improves the beauty of interior of space to hold clothes without spoiling fashionable touches of clothes to be held.~~

Please delete the paragraphs beginning at page 3, line 1 through line 17.

~~A clothes holding device according to the present invention comprises a plate member (10, 10A, 10B, 10C, 10D, 10E, 10F) having a line symmetrical shape with at least one straight line (X axis or Y axis) as a symmetrical axis and flexibility. The plate member is bent on the symmetrical axis, and clothes are held with a bent portion (13). (claim 1).~~

~~In accordance with the present invention, the line symmetrical shape is a cross shape (first~~

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~~embodiment to third embodiment), and an engagement member (16T, 16B; 23T, 23B) is formed at an end of a projection (12T, 12B) of the cross shape. When the plate member is bent on the symmetrical axis (X-axis), it is preferable that the engagement members (16T, 16B; 23T, 23B) formed in areas not including the symmetrical axis (X-axis) engage with each other, and maintain a state where the plate member is bent on the symmetrical axis (X-axis) (claim 2).~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

~~Note that In the clothes holding device according to of the present invention may be formed with a single flexible material (for example, a synthetic resin material), or with a plural types of (for example, two types) materials including at least one flexible material such as synthetic resin material a flexible member (10A) forming the surface of a wall plane (W) is cut into a line symmetrical shape with a horizontal axis (X) as a symmetrical axis, however, a vertical-directional upper area (14T) is not cut, while a vertical-directional lower area (14B) is bent along the horizontal axis (X), and the bent portion (13) and a remaining portion (vertical-directional upper area 14T) hold clothes (claim 3).~~

Please delete the paragraphs beginning at page 3, line 24 to page 4, line 20.

~~When the clothes holding device is formed with two types of materials, a part formed with the non flexible material is, e.g., a metal hook button (21T and 21B). When the flexible plate member is bent to hold clothes, the hook button (21T and 21B) is used as a bent-state holding member to hold a state where the flexible plate member is bent on the symmetrical axis (X-axis or Y-axis).~~

~~Further, in the clothes holding device according to the present invention having the engagement member (clothes holding device in claim 2), when a "score" is selected as the~~

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~~engagement member (16T, 16B; 23T, 23B) formed at the end of the projection (12T, 12B) of the cross shape, the engagement member is a simple member to realize engagement by simply engaging the scores (16T, 16B; 22T, 22B).~~

~~Otherwise, the engagement member (16T, 16B; 22T, 22B) may be attachably/removably provided.~~

~~Further, in a clothes holding device according to the present invention, a flexible member (10A) forming the surface of a wall plane (W) is cut into a line symmetrical shape with a horizontal axis (X) as a symmetrical axis. A vertical-directional upper area (14T) is not cut while a vertical-directional lower area (14B) is bent along the horizontal axis (X), and the bent portion (13) and a remaining portion (vertical-directional upper area 14T) hold clothes (claim 3).~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 21, with the following amended paragraph:

In this case, an engagement member (21T, 21B; 16T, 16B; 23T, 23B) is provided in the vertical-directional upper area (14T) and in the vertical-directional lower area (14B), [[and]] wherein the engagement members (21T, 21B; 16T, 16B; 23T, 23B) are engaged with each other, thereby a status where the vertical-directional lower area is bent along the horizontal axis (X) is maintained (claim 4).